

ocus on Sports

Feathers In Their Cap...

—by Stan Hodge, Sports Editor

I got a letter last week which really me. I'd like to share it with my readers. The letter came from Judy and Richard Brown, both alumni of BYU, classes 1960 & 1963. Here's what they wrote:

"As avid fans and recent alumni of BYU, we have been subscribing to the Daily Universe for the past year and also keeping in close touch with the BYU athletic events. We never miss listening to the BYU games on KSL with Dean Bennett and every time we hear the studentbody singing the school song at the end of the game, it really makes us homesick for the Y.



Mr. Hodge

Cheered For Cougars At Laramie

"We also say hats off" to Stan Watts and the fine basketball team and the wonderful sportsmanship they have shown throughout the conference this past season. We were among the loudest cheerers for BYU when they played Wyoming at Laramie last Saturday night." I didn't make the trip but I do believe I heard the Browns as I listened to Dean Bennett. Thanks, Judy and Richard for taking the time to let us know you appreciate what the team and studentbody are doing for Brigham Young University.

The Browns attached an article written in the Cheyenne, Wyoming Eagle, written by Larry Bileffo on March 3. The article is in regard to the poor sportsmanship of the home fans at athletic events, and gives the BYU studentbody another feather for their cap. Let me quote the last portion of Mr. Bileffo's column.

Poor Sportsmanship Solution: More Of Same
"Word apparently is somewhat prominent around the Cowboy campus, through the collegiate newspaper, Branding Iron, and other second hand reports, that the fans have given the Poles in basketball a pretty rough time on the road this year.

"Some of the meaningless students apparently have decided to help their team and dish out the same to the teams that come to Laramie in the remaining games.

"This I'm extremely sorry to see. It merely creates an endless cycle that helps nobody, least of all the players and the image of the colleges in the eyes of the fans who come to the game only once in a while.

"Believe me, booing the visiting team as it is introduced and pelting the floor with debris and rolls of paper doesn't help the home team win.

"If any of the opposing schools must resort to rowdiness or nerveless home-town officiating to win, let them have this type of victory.

BYU Toughest Road School

"One of the toughest places for a visiting team to win (they're all tough nowadays) is at Brigham Young. Ten thousand fans turn out constantly for the games. The students overwhelm you with the din, they sometimes boo and become overcome by emotion. But actually it's the best controlled crowd on the circuit I've seen this season.

"And actually a fine play by the opposing team has been known to be applauded there. Introduction of the visiting teams is in good taste with each player being given an individual cheer.

"If Brigham Young is helped in its own floor, most of the time it's by their tremendous spirit of fans and studentbody. This is what you like to see, rather than the alarming cry that has developed along the WAC front this year."

Cougar Gymnasts Third In Final WAC Matches

Brigham Young University's gymnastics team, under the coaching of Rudy Moe, combined fine performances by Ron Newson and Richard Snow to finish third in the Western Athletic Conference gym meet at Tempe.

THE UNIVERSITY of Arizona came in first with 198 of the 505 total points awarded. Arizona State followed with 160. BYU garnered 82, while Utah and New Mexico brought up the tail end with 37 and 26 points. The University of Wyoming does not sponsor a gymnastics team.

Richard Snow led BYU scoring with 18 points. Snow picked up 11 points and a first place championship on the trampoline to maintain his Western Athletic Conference crown in that event for the second straight year. He also took fourth in tumbling to complete his scoring.

NEWSON followed closely behind Snow with a 17 point total. He was awarded six points in both the long horse and the side horse for fifth place finishes in these events. He was also awarded five points for an all-around performance.

Perry Gilmn added 11 points to the Cougar Gymnasts' cause with seven points on the still rings and four and one-half more on the Parallel bars.

Redskin Coach Gardner To Get Olympic Post

Basketball coach Jack Gardner of the University of Utah has been selected as one of the coaches for the Olympic basketball tryouts by the NCAA.

THE UTE's coach will also guide one of the teams in the East-West game to be played in Lexington, Ky. on March 28.

"I have had many honors as a coach, such as being selected to give clinics in Europe and Japan," Gardner said, "but this is the greatest honor I have received to be a part of the Olympic basketball program.

GARDNER IS to coach one of three squads that will be assembled from the ranks of the nation's collegians in selection of the final Olympic team.

Thirty players including Doug Moon of Utah and Wayne Estes of Utah State will be divided up into Red, White and Blue teams. Gardner will coach the White team, which with the others will play two exhibition games.

THE BYU squad was rounded out with Lee DuPuis (91 points), Jay Markham (81 points), Jerry Solberg (71 points), Jim Young (50 points), Roger Zierenberg (41 points), and Lynn Leigh (11 points).

The Arizona win took the trophy from defending champions, Arizona State University.

UCLA won the right to advance to the semifinals of the NCAA Tournament this Friday by outlasting San Francisco to win the Far West Title.

The unbeaten Bruins, behind and looking badly at the half, finally rallied behind their two great guards, Walt Hazzard and Gail Goodrich, to overcome San Francisco 76-72, to win the right to continue in NCAA competition.

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SLC's East High Wins Class A Title

Salt Lake City's East High School will reign for the coming year as Utah Class A Basketball champions as a result of a 55-50 win over Clearfield Saturday.

THE WIN FOR the Leopards gave East High their first basketball championship in their 54-year history. They have been in the finals many times, and have won many consolation titles, but this was their first championship.

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